

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR  
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY  
ACTIVE NATRIURETIC  
PEPTIDES AND FOR  
IMPROVING THEIR  
THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

### **TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

All of the documents are in English and were cited by an Examiner in corresponding U.S. Patent Application No. 10/419,059 (filed April 17, 2004) and 10/225,082 (filed August 20, 2002) and in a Supplementary European Search Report for EP Application No. 04781634.3-2401.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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